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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Amy H. Bowman	1635

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 14, 16-22 and 24-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18, 20-22, 24, and 29-43 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 14, 16, 17 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/13/2005.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. 11142005.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Upon a telephone interview with applicant's representative, Marina Larson, on 11/14/2005, the amendments to the claims filed 10/26/05 have been entered. The subject matter of claim 14 that is not drawn to the elected invention, SEQ ID NO: 82, has been withdrawn. The amendments to claim 14 that reintroduce sequences are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally elected. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention (SEQ ID NO: 82), this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

This application contains claims 18, 20-22, 24, and 29-43, as well as the subject matter of claim 14 that is not drawn to SEQ ID NO: 82, that are drawn to a nonelected invention. Applicant has elected SEQ ID NO: 82 without traverse in the response filed 4/22/2005. A complete reply to this action must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Objections

Claim 14 is objected to because of the following informalities: The word "oligonucleotide" is spelled "olignucleotide".

Claim 17 is objected to because of the following informalities: The word "the" should be inserted between the words "wherein" and "oligonucleotide".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 19 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 14. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k). The sequences of claim 14 that are not drawn to the elected invention, SEQ ID NO: 82, have been withdrawn. Therefore, claims 14 and 19 are drawn to an antisense oligonucleotide comprising the sequence of bases as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 82.

Claims 16 and 17 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form. Claims 16 and 17 are drawn to claim 15, which has been cancelled. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Conclusion

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy H. Bowman whose telephone number is 571-272-0755.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on 571-272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

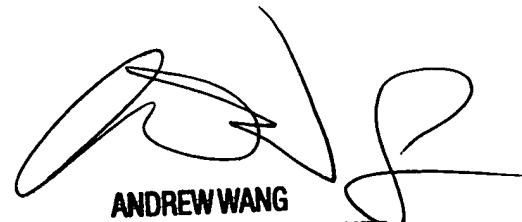
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